

Chairperson - Sue Albins. Secretary - Brenda Lambert. Treasurer - Christine Clark

Newsletter for February 2024 Our next meeting is February 29th at 7.30 p.m.

January meeting. Alison Henderson demonstrated baby shoes for us. She made a cute pair of trainers which would be suitable for a christening, baby-reveal or birthday cake. She is going to send us the template and instructions but they are available on youtube and pinterest. We will email them to you when we receive them. We have booked her again for next year's programme to demonstrate a cup and saucer.

February Meeting. Our club secretary, Brenda Lambert, is demonstrating for us and her theme is Mothers' Day.

March meeting. We are having an Easter Bonnet Competition instead of our usual cakerelated competition so get working on your creations and good luck.

Programme for 2024-2025. Our programme for the coming year has to be completed in time for our AGM and membership renewal, we have several people booked already. If there is someone you know of who demonstrates please let us know as it is hard to find demonstrators in this area. The committee appreciates any input from members as to what you would like to see and as the world of sugarcraft is constantly changing it is good to keep up-to-date with new ideas as well as the long-standing favourites. Membership remains at £40 for the year and is due in April. Cash or cheque only please.

Website. Christine has updated our website with recent events. If you have any pictures for the gallery, recipes or anything which is relevant please send to Christine Clark at wor.christine@gmail.com We also have a facebook page. Emma is no longer able to do the facebook page due to work commitments, if anyone is able to take this on please let me know.

Website <u>www.colchestersugarcraft.org.uk</u>
Facebook <u>www.facebook.com/colchestersugarcraft</u>

Other news and events.

Workshops. The list for mini-workshops will be on the table again this month so please add your name if interested then we can arrange dates. We could do the baby shoes once we have the instructions.

There are some sugarcraft shows coming up and also zoom demonstrations organised by British Sugarcraft Guild areas so it is always worth checking their site for events. Most are open to non-members. They also have weekend skills workshops.

Show and tell table. Please bring in things you have made or photos of cakes with a brief explanation if possible so we can see how talented our members are. Also don't forget to send pictures to our website and facebook page.

Sales Table. If you have equipment you would like to sell please bring it along for the sales table, label with your name and price and take it home if it does not sell. We take 10% for club funds.

Other Events

Sugar In The Fens Alan Dunn Workshop. March 16th – 17th Cost £230 Flowers include Old English /German rose, stocks, twinklestar pholox plus foliage. Alan is also doing 2 evening demos 18th March at Ely and 19th March Bury St Edmunds. To book go to www.sugardesign.co.uk/shop-1

Halstead Icing Shop. The lady who owns Halstead Icing Shop is selling up due to ill-health. Her son has contacted me and asked me to pass on his details if anyone may be interested in taking on the business. His contact is neil.salmon@btinternet.com mobile 07976 720789.

I am now on the committee for the National SugarArt Association, if there is anything you would like me to find out about or any questions raised, the AGM is in May, please let me know.

If you know of any other events that might interest our members please let me know and I can include them in the newsletter.

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact me.

Regards Sue.

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